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IN LONDON

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¶1. (U) The Kuwaiti government was quick to publicly condemn the July 7 attacks in London, reassert its commitment to the global war on terror, and call for the immediate capture of the perpetrators. Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Shaykh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah told the press, "Our religion, Islam, and all faiths and human values are rejecting these criminal ugly actions." (Note: Prime Minister Shaykh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who was in the U.S. for a July 1 meeting with the President, had not returned to Kuwait when the attacks occurred. End Note) Speaker of Parliament Jassem Al-Khorafi said, "These terrorist actions are contravening all human values and principles" and "show the savagery of those behind them and how distant they are from humanity and Islamic values and morals." He added, "All of the Kuwaiti people strongly condemn the attacks against the friendly, innocent people of Britain, which stood by the Kuwaiti just cause in all ordeals particularly the Iraqi invasion in 1990, and the recent terrorist action in our own beloved country." Liberal MP Mohammed Jassem Al-Sager and moderate Shi'a Islamist MP Dr. Yousef Al-Zalzalah made similar comments.

¶2. (U) According to the press, Amir Shaykh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Crown Prince Shaykh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, and the Prime Minister sent cables condemning the four explosions and expressing condolences on the tragic loss of life to Queen Elizabeth II and PM Tony Blair. Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al-Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah also denounced the attacks in a cable to British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw.

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